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Minutes - Final

Heritage Barrie Committee

Wednesday, June 9, 2021 | **6:30 PM** | **Virtual Meeting**

For consideration by the City Building Committee on September 21, 2021

The meeting was called to order by the Vice-Chair, C. Froese at 6:32 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 8 - Councillor J. Harris
Vice Chair C. Froese
C. Colebatch
D. Exel
K. MacKinnon
S. Mackinnon
S. Marchant
D. Moore

Absent: 1 - Councillor C. Riepma

STAFF:
Committee Support Clerk, T. Maynard
Planner, T. Wierzba.

The Heritage Barrie Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "A"

COMMITTEE BUDGET UPDATE

Craig Froese Vice-Chair provided an update regarding the Committee's Budget.

The Committee discussed ideas related to how they can support the Indigenous Community in light of what has happened with the Residential Schools. Cathy Colebatch will contact the Barrie Native Friendship Centre to discuss ways the Committee could support the Indigenous Community and report back at a future meeting.

STATUS OF MUNICIPAL HERITAGE REGISTER

Tomasz Wierzba, Planner provided an update regarding the Status of the Municipal Heritage Register.

Mr. Wierzba advised that the Simcoe County Gaol/Jail is provincially recognized as a heritage property. He explained that staff from Infrastructure Ontario are supportive of having the Simcoe Gaol/Jail recognized through a municipal heritage designation.

Mr. Wierzba suggested hiring a consultant to assist him with preparing the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value for the Simcoe County Gaol/Jail so that this document could be published as part of the Notice of Intent to Designate. The Committee provided feedback to Mr. Wierzba regarding the Simcoe County Gaol/Jail.

The Committee approved the expenditure of funds from the Heritage Barrie Committee cost centre 1026 640500 up to $2500.00 to hire a consultant to prepare a Statement of Heritage Cultural Value for the Simcoe County Gaol/Jail.

Mr. Wierzba provided an update regarding the Committee's recommendation from May 12, 2021 to have Collier Street United Church Street added to the Municipal Heritage Register as a listed property.

Cathy Colebatch mentioned that the Burton Avenue United Church is planning to submit an application to be added to the Municipal Heritage Register as a listed property.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS UNDER REVIEW

Tomasz Wierzba, Planner provided an update regarding the designation of 125-127 Dunlop Street East. Mr. Wierzba suggested hiring a consultant to prepare a Statement of Cultural Heritage Value so that it could be published as part of the Notice of Intent to Designate. The Committee provided their feedback to Mr. Wierzba and received a response.

The Committee approved the expenditure of funds from the Heritage Barrie Committee cost centre 1026 640500 up to $2500.00 to hire a consultant to prepare a Statement of Cultural Heritage Value for the property located at 125-127 Dunlop Street East.

PROPOSED BOUNDARY TO EAST END HISTORIC NEIGHBOURHOOD

The Committee discussed the proposed boundary to the East End Historic Neighbourhood. Tomasz Wierzba, Planner explained that some concerns had been raised surrounding the boundary of the East End Historic Neighbourhood outlined Draft Official Plan that it was not correct.

Mr. Wierzba advised that he intends to do a walk through of the East End Neighbourhood to determine if the proposed boundaries need to be amended and will report back to the Committee.

HISTORIC NEIGHBOURHOOD STREET SIGNS

David Moore provided an update regarding the Historic Neighbourhood Street Signs. He explained that Craig Froese and himself are compiling an updated list of street names missing the historic signage. The Committee provided ideas related to the comprehensive list of historic street names such as creating a priority list for each of the historic neighbourhoods.

Tomasz Wierzba, Planner provided an outline regarding the historic street signs, next steps and process and he mentioned that he will request an updated quote from staff in the Operations Department regarding the historic street signage.

The Committee discussed using funds from their current budget and list of street names to proceed with the historic neighbourhood street signs project.

The Committee approved the expenditure of funds from the Heritage Barrie Committee cost centre 1025 670700 up to $6,600.00 for historic neighbourhood street signs.

PREPARATION FOR ANNUAL HERITAGE STAKEHOLDERS MEETING

Shelley Marchant provided a summary of the plans for the annual Heritage Stakeholders Meeting. Ms. Marchant advised that the proposed date of the Annual Heritage Stakeholders Meeting is October 6, 2021 between 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and will be held virtually unless a resumption of in person meetings are allowed.

Cathy Colebatch advised that she is preparing an invitation list for the Heritage Stakeholders Meeting. She explained that she will be compiling a list of projects from Committee's workplan that have the potential for collaboration with other organizations or groups as agenda items for the meeting.

Ms. Colebatch explained that the intent of the meeting is to create a collaborative effect with like-minded organizations or groups with common interests with heritage in Barrie.

The Committee discussed ideas related to the Annual Heritage Stakeholders Meeting and that further discussion with place at the September meeting.

ZONING BY-LAW HOUSEKEEPING AMENDMENT

Tomasz Wierzba, Planner provided an update regarding the Zoning By-law Housekeeping Amendment. He advised that a Public Meeting has been scheduled for the Planning Committee meeting on June 15, 2021 regarding a City-Wide Amendment to the Comprehensive Zoning By-law 2009-141 related to Affordable Housing.

The Committee discussed concerns related to accessory dwellings in historical neighbourhoods.

Mr. Wierzba advised that he would forward information related to the proposed City-Wide Amendment to the Comprehensive Zoning By-law 2009-141 for their review and comments.

HERITAGE PLAQUES FOR LISTED BUILDINGS

Tomasz Wierzba, Planner provided an update regarding the heritage plaques for listed buildings. He advised that he has requested an updated quote and proof of the heritage plaque from Owen Sign Craft as the plaques are being reduced in size. Mr. Wierzba advised that he would circulate the proof of the heritage plaque to the Committee.

Mr. Wierzba mentioned that he will be working on a mailout to all the listed properties on the Municipal Heritage Register regarding the heritage plaques.

The Committee approved the expenditure of funds from the Heritage Barrie cost centre 1026 670500 to up to $3,000.00 to purchase heritage plaques for listed buildings.

DRAFT TWO OFFICIAL PLAN UPDATE

Tomasz Wierzba, Planner provided an update regarding Draft Two of the Official Plan. He discussed the timelines and next steps associated with the Draft Official Plan and Urban Design Guidelines.

Mr. Wierzba suggested that the Committee should take the opportunity to review Draft Two of the Official Plan and provide any additional feedback to staff in Development Services. The Committee discussed and decided having the same subcommittee members who reviewed the previous version of the Draft Official Plan review the Draft Two of the Official Plan and make any additional comments about the plan.

DESIGNATED STREETSCAPE DISCUSSION

The Committee discussed designating streetscapes and ways to preserve heritage and protect Barrie's cultural attributes. Tomasz Wierzba, Planner provided an overview of the *Ontario Heritage Act* as it relates to designating streetscapes and establishing heritage conservation districts.

Mr. Wierzba suggested that a consultant would need to be hired to complete an evaluation in accordance with *Ontario Heritage Act* 40 (1) to determine the feasibility and costs associated with establishing heritage conservation districts in Barrie. Mr. Wierzba explained that from a planning perspective, there needs to be a balance between accommodating development while protecting the heritage aspects and designations.

The Committee discussed and provided their feedback to Mr. Wierzba. The Committee agreed that an evaluation be completed to determine if there should be any heritage conservation districts established in Barrie.

The Heritage Barrie Committee met and reccomends adoption of the following recommendation(s):

SECTION "B"

HERITAGE CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

That staff in the Development Services Department investigate the feasibility and costs associated with conducting a study related to Section 40(1) of the *Ontario Heritage Act* regarding the establishment of Heritage Conservation Districts and report back to the Heritage Barrie Committee.

This matter was recommended to City Building Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 9/21/2021.

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SECTION "C"

WORKPLAN UPDATES

The Committee discussed the following matters from the workplan.

Craig Froese, Vice-Chair provided an update regarding the historic wraps for utility boxes. He explained that a quote has been received from staff in Operations Department concerning the historic wraps for utility boxes. He suggested that since the Committee has been working on a lot of other projects to delay the historic wraps on utility box matter until 2022. The Committee discussed ideas related proposed locations and historic pictures for the utility boxes.

David Moore provided an update regarding Open Doors Barrie. The Committee chose to participate in Open Doors Barrie events held on Saturdays during the summer in the downtown and that each member of the Committee would volunteer their time at the booth.

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

CHAIRMAN